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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 54.3 degrees, 0.9 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 10. Precipitation averaged 0.01 inches, 0.67 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 6 points above normal.

Reporters rated 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 8. This is 0.9 days above last year and 1.7 days more the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 7 percent very short, 28 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	6.8	6.3	121.0
2003	5.9	3.9	106.5
1999-2003 Average	5.1	5.2	130.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	7	28	62	3
Last Week	4	17	79	6
Same Week Last Year	0	3	87	10
1999-2003 Average	7	18	67	8

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

Respondents estimate **Corn** is 88 percent mature, nine days ahead of last year and about two days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimate 25 percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is the about 11 days ahead of last year and about three days ahead of the five-year average. Farmers

have 89 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 85 percent the previous year and 91 for the 1999-2003 year average. Ninety-four percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 95 percent in 2003 and 97 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 79 percent mature. This is slightly ahead of last year but about four days behind the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have 61 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about eight days ahead of 2003 and about three days ahead of the five-year average. Producers have 58 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is about five days ahead of the previous year and two days ahead of as the five-year average. Respondents estimate 9 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is four days ahead of last year but slightly behind the 1999-2003 average. **Potatoes** are at 94 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year and two days behind the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 74 percent complete, slightly behind last year and five days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 86 percent complete, seven days behind last year, and nine days behind the five-year average. Sixty-five percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. Vegetable growers have 94 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 98 percent last year and 98 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 55 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 62 percent in 2003 and 79 percent for the five-year average.

Like the previous two weeks, field conditions were ideal for agricultural work this past week. Respondents estimated 6.8 days suitable for field work, this was the highest weekly number reported for the 2004 crop weather reporting season. Many farmers harvested corn and soybeans during the week, while others continue baling hay. Producers planted winter wheat, harvested squash and pumpkins, and picked apples. Some farmers are still cleaning up flood damage after Ivan.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Respondents indicated last week’s frost had little to no effect on grain crops. Corn was rated at 71 percent good to excellent condition compared to 69 percent last week. Soybeans was rated at 68 percent good to excellent condition compared to 64 percent last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	74	77	82	61	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	65	68	69	50	NA
Corn mature	88	73	84	75	74
Corn harvested for grain	25	11	21	11	23
Corn silage harvested	89	85	91	79	NA
Grapes harvested	55	62	79	50	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	86	93	93	80	NA
Potatoes harvested	94	95	96	92	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	94	98	98	77	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	94	95	97	83	86
Soybeans mature	79	76	87	66	NA
Soybeans harvested	61	37	51	37	36
Winter wheat planted	58	34	51	25	58
Winter wheat emerged	9	2	10	NA	29

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	19	46	25
Previous Week	2	7	22	48	21
Previous Year	2	5	19	51	23
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	29	43	14
Previous Week	3	9	28	46	14
Previous Year	3	7	26	50	14
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	15	64	18
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	3	12	65	20
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	8	29	48	13
Previous Week	2	6	28	50	14
Previous Year	2	5	19	57	17
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	20	43	25
Previous Week	4	8	24	44	20
Previous Year	4	9	30	44	13

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	53.7	-0.7	0.06	-0.60	24.86	3.09	68	11	2989	14
North Central	54.2	-0.5	0.01	-0.67	25.94	3.39	65	8	2937	7
Northeast	53.2	-0.6	0.00	-0.85	29.09	5.12	59	6	2725	-34
West Central	54.7	-0.6	0.00	-0.71	24.75	1.40	72	9	3172	69
Central	54.6	-1.1	0.00	-0.66	28.55	4.78	73	7	3228	93
Central Hills	53.5	-0.7	0.00	-0.69	32.53	8.63	63	5	2917	11
Northeast Hills	52.1	-2.4	0.00	-0.68	34.70	10.97	57	-2	2930	-16
Southwest	55.9	-0.7	0.00	-0.74	23.92	-0.78	76	6	3366	90
South Central	55.9	-0.8	0.03	-0.55	31.07	7.63	77	4	3463	145
Southeast	54.2	-1.3	0.00	-0.64	32.32	8.57	72	6	3210	89
STATE	54.3	-0.9	0.01	-0.67	28.59	5.11	69	6	3115	53

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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